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# Bolton overshadows impeachment trial

## Book excerpts have some in GOP rethinking calling witnesses

**By Michael D. Shear and Nicholas Fandos**
*New York Times*

WASHINGTON — The White House and Senate Republican leaders struggled Monday to salvage their plans to push toward a quick acquittal of President Donald Trump this week in his impeachment trial, after a new account by his former national security adviser corroborated a central piece of the case against him.

The newly disclosed revelations by John Bolton, whose forthcoming book details how Trump conditioned military aid for Ukraine on the country's willingness to furnish information on his political rivals, angered key Republicans and reinvigorated a bid to call witnesses, which would prolong the trial and pose new dangers for the president.

A handful of Republicans from across the ideological spectrum appeared to be moving closer to joining Democrats in a vote to subpoena Bolton, even as their leaders insisted that doing so would only delay his inevitable acquittal.

"I think it's increasingly likely that other Republicans will join those of us who think we should hear from John Bolton," Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, told reporters. He later told Republican colleagues at a closed-door lunch that calling witnesses would be a wise choice politically and substantively.

As they opened the second day of their defense, Trump's lawyers largely ignored the revelations from Bolton, reported Sunday by The New York Times, that bolstered the case made by the House Democratic prosecutors that the president had repeatedly tied the security assistance to investigations he wanted. The assertion is at the heart of their abuse of power charge accusing Trump of using his position to gain foreign help in his reelection campaign.

Instead, the White House team doubled down with a defense that was directly contradicted by the account in Bolton's book, due out in March. Trump's lawyers told sena-

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## *Liberation, 75 years later*

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Germany's President Frank-Walter Steinmeier and his wife Elke Buedenbender pause for a moment after laying a candle Monday by the International Monument at the Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi death camp in Oswiecim, Poland. Heads of state and survivors of Auschwitz-Birkenau gathered Monday for commemorations marking the 75th anniversary of the Soviet army's liberation of the camp, using the testimony of survivors to warn about the signs of rising anti-Semitism and hatred in the world today. **Story, page 6A.**

# Two sick residents cleared of virus

## Minnesotans returned from China before airport screenings

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State health officials say tests of two Minnesotans suspected of having the novel coronavirus after visiting China have come back negative.

As of Monday, no others were being evaluated in Minnesota.

"We want to update you today that CDC laboratory results for both cases came back negative for nCoV over the weekend," state health officials said in a statement Monday.

The department had reported the cases Friday of two residents who had recently traveled to Wuhan, China, and showed symptoms of the pneumonia-like illness that has killed more than 100 people.

State officials have been on alert since the virus arrived in the U.S. on Jan. 21, but so far Minnesota seems to be in the clear.

"We're responding to the situation in a number of different ways," said Doug Schultz, spokesman for the state Department of Health. "There are significant

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Death toll in China rises to 106, **Page 8A.**

# Fatal Bryant helicopter crash under investigation

## Approval for flight in fog questioned

**By Stefanie Dazio, David Koenig and Bernard Condon**
*Associated Press*

CALABASAS, Calif. — Coroner's officials worked to recover victims' remains Monday from the hillside outside Los Angeles where a helicopter carrying former NBA superstar Kobe Bryant and eight others crashed in a wreck that aviation experts said may have been caused by the pilot becoming disoriented in the fog.

While the cause of the tragedy is under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board, some experts raised questions of whether the helicopter should have even been flying. The weather was so foggy that the Los Angeles Police Department and the county sheriff's department had grounded their own choppers.

The Sikorsky S-76 went down

BRYANT CRASH, 8A

Timberwolves players react to death of Kobe Bryant, **Page 1B.**

# String of robberies hits St. Paul

## Police: 5 crimes in 3 hours on Sunday, all similar

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Police are investigating a series of robberies Sunday in St. Paul, in which young assailants often took people by surprise by confronting them at gunpoint.

The five cases happened in the Greater East Side, North End, Frogtown and Summit-University neighborhoods during a span of less than three hours. In one case, a male pushed down a 70-year-old woman and grabbed her purse.

"There are definitely similarities and we're looking into a connection between all of them," said Sgt. Mike Ernster, a St. Paul police spokesman, on Monday.

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